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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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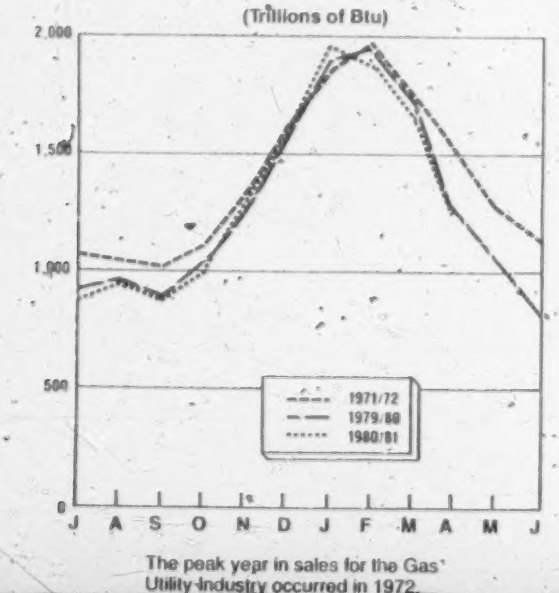
Degree days in April of 1981 decreased 23.6 percent from April of 1980 causing a 16.9 percent decline in residential sales. Commercial sales dropped 13.9 percent compared to last year, while industrial sales increased 11.6 percent.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

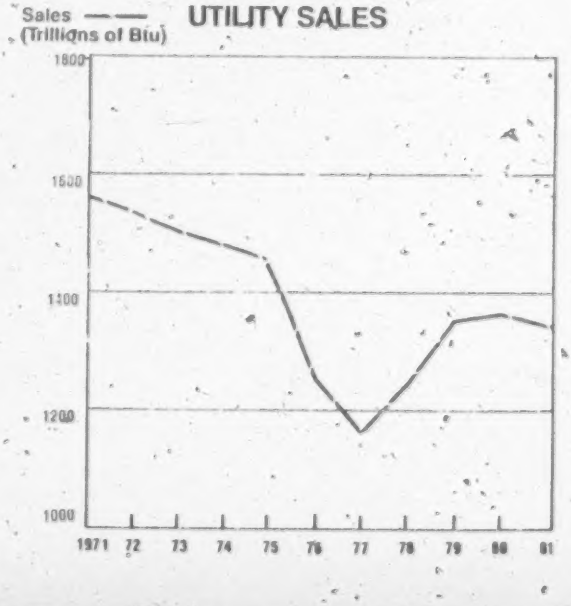
	April			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31	
	1981	1980	% Change	1981	%Change From Last Period	1980[P]	1981 Forecast[1]
Residential	385.4	463.7	- 16.9[2]	2,619.5	- 3.0	4,853.4	4,784.9
Commercial	193.8	225.0	- 13.9	1,214.0	- 3.6	2,431.8	2,395.4
Industrial	733.4	657.2	+ 11.6	2,810.1	- 1.9	7,723.4	7,766.8
Other	25.3	27.5	-	129.5	-	309.7	199.2
Total	1,337.9	1,373.4	- 2.6	6,773.1	- 2.6	15,318.3	15,146.3
Degree Days[P] (A.G.A)	266	348	- 23.6	2,552	- 9.4		

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

[P]preliminary



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

April

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	128.6	121.7	+ 5.7
Electric	220.4	210.6	+ 4.7
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	53.1	51.6	+ 2.9
Electric	191.6	189.2	+ 1.3
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	118.5	86.9	+ 36.4
Electric	22.0	15.5	+ 41.9
Oil	3.3	3.0	+ 10.0
Boilers			
Gas	10.7	27.3	- 60.8
Electric	0.2	0.2	- 4.2
Oil	4.0	3.1	+ 29.8

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

April

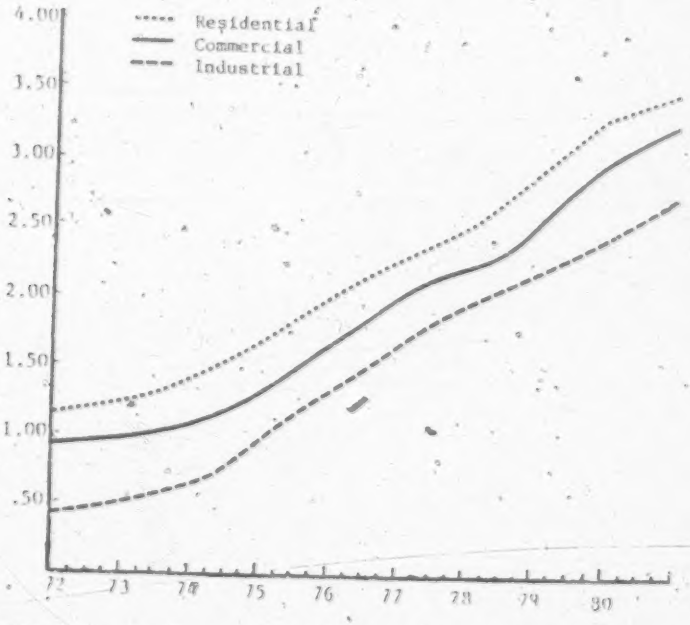
	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	124.0	96.2	+ 28.9
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	399.4	347.9	+ 14.8
Electricity	279.8	243.8	+ 14.8
Fuel Oil	727.0	580.7	+ 25.2
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	113.0	116.0	- 2.6

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980[P]	3.08	3.63	3.30	2.77	2.07

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1]1981 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months of 1981 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.